

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Omaha Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

## **Event Triggering this Release:**

On August 6, 2009, a criminal complaint was filed charging Michael Hymes, age 29 of Council Bluffs, Iowa, with bank robbery in connection with the robbery of the First National Bank of Omaha branch located at 2930 South 24<sup>th</sup> Street on August 4, 2009. According to an affidavit filed in support of the complaint, Hymes wore a wig and sunglasses and entered the bank where he demanded money from a teller. The affidavit alleges that Hymes was located after authorities tracked down a woman who attempted to exchange dye stained money at a bank branch in Council Bluffs. Subsequent investigation led authorities back to Hymes. Hymes will appear before United States Magistrate Judge Thomas D. Thalken for his initial appearance on Friday, August 7, 2009, at 2:30.

Name of Defendant: Michael Hymes

AKA:

**AGE: 29** 

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Bank robbery—up to 20 years imprisonment, \$250,000 fine or both; 3 years supervised release, and \$100 Special Assessment

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** Omaha, Ne.

Location of Arrest: Council Bluffs, Iowa

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: \$2,950.00.

Others Charged in Same Scheme: NA

**Relevant Dates:** 

**Date of Alleged Crime:** August 4, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: August 5, 2009

**Date Complaint Issued:** August 6, 2009

**Indictment Returned Date:** NA

**Initial Appearance Date:** August 7, 2009

Plea Date(s): NA

**Sentencing Date:** NA

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: In custody

**In Continuous Custody Since:** August 5, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: To be determined

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